



United States Department of
Agriculture

National Agricultural
Statistics Service

Ohio Agricultural
Statistics Service
P.O. Box 686
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-0686
(614) 728-2100
FAX(614)728-2206

OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

No. 29 October 14, 2003

OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 58.7 degrees, 4.4 degrees above normal for the week ending October, 12. Precipitation averaged 0.05 inches, 0.51 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 26 points above normal.

Reporters rated 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 10. This is 0.2 days more than last year and 0.6 days more than the 1998-2002 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2003	5.9	3.9	106.5
2002	5.7	5.3	134.2
1998-2002 Average	5.3	5.1	137.2

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	3	87	10
Last Week	0	0	76	24
Same Week Last Year	14	35	48	3
1998-2002 Average	8	23	64	6

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Seventy-seven percent of **Corn** is mature, compared to 85 percent last year and 92 percent for the five-year average. Growers have 13 percent of corn for grain harvested. This

is eight days behind 2002 and nine days behind the 1998-2002 average. Farmers have 89 percent of **Corn Silage** harvested. This is nine days behind last year and two days behind the five-year average. Ninety-seven percent of **Soybeans** are dropping leaves. This is five days behind 2002 and five days behind the 1998-2002 average. Soybeans are 82 percent mature. This is four days behind last year and seven days behind the five-year average. Producers have 46 percent of soybeans harvested. This is two days behind 2002 and five days behind the five-year average. Farmers have 43 percent of **Winter wheat** planted. This is five days behind last year and five days behind the five-year average. Three percent of winter wheat has emerged. This is 11days behind 2002 and eight days behind the 1998-2002 average. Farmers have three percent of **Sugarbeats** harvested. The fourth cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 82 percent complete. The third cutting of **Other hay** is 94 percent complete. **Potato** growers have 96 percent of their crops harvested. This is the same as last year but two days behind the five-year average. Fruit producers have harvested 72 percent of **Fall Apples** compared to 70 percent in 2002 and 73 percent for the five year average. The **Grape** harvest is 69 percent complete.

Field activities picked up this past week across Ohio as the fall harvest kicks into high gear. Farmers continue harvesting corn and beans, planting winter wheat, and baling hay. Cattle producers weaned, vaccinated, and sold feeder calves. Vegetable growers harvested pumpkins, peppers, and tomatoes. Dairy producers chopped silage, while fruit growers harvested apples and grapes.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Respondents have indicated that some of the corn and beans were killed by the early frosts. Corn was rated 74 percent good to excellent condition compared to 12 percent last year. Pasture condition was rated at 74 percent good to excellent compared to 14 percent in 2002. Livestock are reported to be doing very well.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting	82	84	86	65	NA
Apples harvested Fall & Winter	72	70	73	57	NA
Corn mature	77	85	92	62	90
Corn harvested for grain	13	21	25	6	27
Corn Silage harvested	89	97	91	76	NA
Grapes harvested	69	84	86	45	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	94	94	95	89	NA
Potatoes harvested	96	96	98	93	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	97	99	99	89	89
Soybeans mature	82	93	93	62	NA
Soybeans harvested	46	55	63	16	37
Sugarbeats harvested	3	47	10	NA	NA
Winter wheat planted	43	67	63	12	63
Winter wheat emerged	3	29	19	NA	31

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	5	19	51	23
Previous Week	3	6	23	47	21
Previous Year	28	31	29	11	1
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	7	26	50	14
Previous Week	4	8	26	46	16
Previous Year	23	23	36	16	2
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	3	12	65	20
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	5	19	57	17
Previous Week	2	4	17	55	22
Previous Year	22	28	36	13	1
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	9	30	44	13
Previous Week	3	9	32	41	15
Previous Year	23	29	36	11	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	58.5	4.9	0.04	-0.50	29.30	7.42	86	32	2890	-100
North Central	58.2	4.5	0.07	-0.43	27.78	5.14	82	29	2869	-75
Northeast	56.6	3.8	0.04	-0.69	33.34	9.23	74	25	2634	-138
West Central	59.6	5.2	0.07	-0.47	32.71	9.24	88	29	3037	-81
Central	58.7	4.0	0.04	-0.46	30.71	6.84	87	26	3085	-66
Central Hills	57.8	4.6	0.09	-0.47	31.10	7.10	79	25	2859	-61
Northeast Hills	57.2	3.5	0.12	-0.48	31.73	7.87	76	21	2898	-63
Southwest	61.1	5.4	0.02	-0.53	31.23	6.44	94	28	3210	-83
South Central	60.5	4.6	0.05	-0.48	33.64	10.09	93	23	3289	-47
Southeast	58.2	3.6	0.04	-0.55	31.35	7.46	83	21	3056	-82
STATE	58.7	4.4	0.05	-0.51	31.29	7.69	85	26	2997	-81

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

NOTE: Our crop weather release is available by e-mail. To subscribe type in the Internet address of: nass-state-releases@news.usda.gov. Enter the following line in the body of the message; subscribe oh-crop-weather. Also check out our Home Page at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/oh/>. We are currently developing and adding more to our home page each week.

FIRST-CLASS MAIL
POSTAGE & FEES PAID
USDA, TRENTON, NJ
PERMIT NO G-38

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service
P.O. Box 686
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-0686

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Address Service Requested